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## WALTER DECKER IS A SUICIDE

### Fires Two Bullets Into His Brain in an Oakland Park

#### Former Employee of the Nye and Ormsby Bank Leaves a Note to the Girl That He Loved

#### YOUNG MUSIC TEACHER GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

By Associated Press.  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 26.—The jury in the Sophia Kritchman-Joseph Mitchell murder trial returned a verdict against the girl of manslaughter in the second degree and murder against Mitchell today.

They were charged with the murder of Bronislaw Kulvinskis. Sophie Kritchman is a young Lithuanian music teacher. She is clever and educated. Kulvinskis was a young man who had courted her. Mitchell was also an admirer of the girl.

#### MAY HAVE CENSUS RETURN BY JUNE

BOSTON, March 26.—Dr. E. Dana Durand, the national superintendent of the census, says that by June 1 he hopes to report the number of inhabitants in the United States as between 88,000,000 and 91,000,000.

The great army of enumerators, consisting of 75,000 men and women, will move on April 15 and will cover the cities in fifteen days and the rural sections in thirty days. It will take four months to cover the manufacturing institutions and three years to study all trades.

#### ASKS WIDOW'S MITE OF SENATOR'S ESTATE

JULESBURG, Colo., March 26.—Mae Wood, when informed that her name was not mentioned in the will of the late Senator Platt, which was filed today in New York, stated that she would bring suit for a widow's share of the estate.

#### STRYCHNINE USED TO REVIVE THE DEAD

By Associated Press.  
SPOKANE, Wash., March 26.—Two minutes after his heart had ceased beating and after life had been pronounced extinct, Fred Gotuener, a lumber jack, was brought to life at a hospital here today by a heavy hypodermic injection of strychnine.

## May Place an Outsider in the Speaker's Chair

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, March 26.—The proposition to remove Cannon by the combined votes of the insurgents and democrats and to substitute in his place Asher Hinds, the parliamentarian of the house, is one of the plans which several insurgents advocated today with the idea of placing in the speaker's chair a pure parliamentarian and not a member of the house who would be entirely uninfluenced by the consideration of partisan advantage, and was pointed out by Representative Poindexter of Washington as the logical and proper course. Under the constitution this may be done.

Many of the insurgents who voted to retain Cannon in the chair are "hearing from home," according to the report in circulation about the capitol. Following closely upon this information came the statements from several that the

#### TRAIN ROBBER JOHNSON PARDONED BY GOVERNOR

By Associated Press.  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 26.—Alva Johnson, train robber, today received a full pardon from Governor Gillett and is now free to marry and go to Ellenburg, Wash., according to a desire expressed in his application for pardon. Johnson was sentenced from Los Angeles in 1895 for life on a charge of train robbery and was paroled in 1907.

#### KILLS TOWN MARSHAL AND COMMITS SUICIDE

By Associated Press.  
SPOKANE, Wash., March 26.—After holding the town of Northport, Wash., in a state of panic for three hours last night, dynamiting the home of Mrs. Jellison, with whose daughter he was infatuated, and killing the town marshal, who sought to arrest him, Martin Kloose ended his own life with a bullet when he abandoned hope of escape.

#### WESTON AT STANDISH, MO.

By Associated Press.  
STANDISH, Mo., March 26.—"I am feeling fine and am still ten days ahead of my schedule," said Edward Payson Weston, the pedestrian, when he passed through here today.

#### YALE MAY ELECT PINCHOT.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 26.—Gifford Pinchot has been nominated for election to the Yale corporation to succeed Henry E. Howland of New York, who declined re-election.

## YOUNG GIRL IS LURED TO DEATH

#### CUDAHY IS EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA RANCH

By Associated Press.  
KANSAS CITY, March 26.—John P. Cudahy, who figured in an affair with Jere F. Lillis, in the Cudahy home three weeks ago, will pass the next year on his father's ranch near Pasadena, Cal. He passed through here yesterday on his way to California.

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war against "Cannonism" is to the extent of ultimately causing the dethronement of the speaker and the election of his successor and a complete reformation of the rules of the house. The overthrow of the speaker and the taking away from the speakership all power to influence legislation unduly, are aimed at. One of the insurgents, who would not allow the use of his name, said, "Unless Cannon resigns we will depose him before the session ends. He is a part of this system and must go."

#### BODY IN TOMB ROBBED.

By Associated Press.  
FOREST HILL, La., March 26.—An unusual robbery was perpetrated last night when the body of E. D. Gainer was exhumed and gold teeth, a diamond ring, gold watch and cuff buttons were taken. The body was sealed in a tomb here more than thirty years ago.

#### Birdie Kelly, Formerly of Tonopah, Believed to be Cause of Deed and Narrowly Escapes With Her Life.

(Special to the Bonanza.)

OAKLAND, March 26.—Walter Decker, of Carson City, Nev., and formerly employed in the Nye and Ormsby county bank, at Tonopah, shot himself twice, in the temple and behind the ear, in Harrison Park Friday night because a girl had spurned his attentions. His wounds proved fatal and death was almost instantaneous. Decker left a letter addressed to Berde Specht, 1007 Harrison street, Oakland, which said:

"You can be thankful that you are in the land of the living today. The night we went to the city I had intended to end it all and take you with me, but my plans were foiled by you giving me the slip. However, I will bid you a fond farewell. Good bye, as ever, yours, Walter."

He evidently had intended to meet the girl on the street and kill her, as he had been watching the house for some time prior to entering the park and suiciding. He was broke and had pawned his watch and his cuff buttons.

Miss Specht when found at the address given on the letter made the following statement:

"I knew Walter Decker in Tonopah. We met the other day but I had not seen him since Tuesday when we went across the bay together. His actions at that time appeared strange, and becoming afraid, I left him at the first opportunity."

I did not know that he intended to commit suicide and cannot believe that it was because he loved me. I was formerly married but separated from my husband several years ago."

The remains will be taken to Carson City for burial. Decker left Carson for Oakland on March 3rd, and at that time possessed \$180. He had not informed his relatives that he was in need of finances.

Both Walter Decker and Birdie Specht were well known in this city. Decker was employed in the Nye and Ormsby county bank for three years and when that institution closed he returned to his home at Carson where his father, mother, two brothers and a sister reside. He possessed a host of friends here and at one time was engaged to be married to a Tonopah girl. He was aged 28 years.

Berde Specht, or Birdie Kelly, as she was known, was a habitue of the Big Casino dance hall, where she was employed. It was at this place that she became acquainted with Decker.

A little over a month ago she attempted suicide by shooting herself in the breast, and after being conveyed to the Miners' hospital recovered sufficiently by January 11 that she was taken to Oakland. A sister journeyed to this city for that purpose and accompanied her on the trip.

#### Is Promised Employment --- Fiend Saturates Her Body With Kenosine and She Burns Like a Torch.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The body of Ruth Wheeler, the little school girl who was lured from the home of her widowed mother by decoy of employment, was found late this afternoon in a gunnysack on the fire escape outside the apartment of Albert Wolter, the man charged with her abduction. She had been strangled with a rope, hacked with a knife and burned beyond recognition.

The body had been thrust out of doors like so much rubbish. Identification was only possible by the shreds of clothing and fragments of jewelry, but there was abundant evidence of how the murder had been committed. Around the neck were the charred fibers of manila burned into the flesh. The apartment reeked with the odor of kerosene.

Fully dressed the girl's clothing and hair had been saturated with kerosene, the fireboard in front of the open grate had been removed and the body thrust up the chimney, standing. When the match was touched to her she burned like a torch. The girl was fifteen years old and had just graduated from a business college. She was eager for employment. She had answered an offer of a position as stenographer for Wolter. He is now under arrest.

Investigation at the address given by Wolter whom his landlady described as a sickly white-faced youth of twenty, with flashy clothes and elaborately curled hair, showed that he had left the apartment where he lived with his wife, earlier the same day. He received many

calls from young girls and the landlady said she had particularly noticed that the one who called yesterday was fresher of face and better dressed than the average run of them. The detectives traced Wolter through his wife. It was learned later that she was not his legal wife.

The detectives said tonight that they believe that Wolter was a procurer. Among his effects were found obscene photographs and a notebook filled with names and addresses of girls, with their ages, weight and details of the appearance noted. Among the names, the detectives say, was that of Ruth Wheeler. They believe he obtained the names from employment agencies for business colleges, which have lists of girls looking for work. It is believed that Ruth Wheeler was not his first victim.

## ERUPTION OF ETNA REPORTED AS SUBSIDING

By Associated Press.

CATANIA, March 26.—Reports from all points directly affected by the eruption of Mount Etna indicate that the movement within the volcano is subsiding. The various lava streams are now advancing very slowly. Unless a new eruption occurs there is little chance of further damage.

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#### SYMPATHETIC STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

By Associated Press.  
PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—The general sympathetic strike in support of the trolley men, ended tonight after being in force three weeks. Financial aid will be asked from all union men of the state.

#### ASSASSIN OF ITO EXECUTED.

By Associated Press.  
HARBIN, March 26.—Inchan Angan, the Korean who assassinated Prince Ito, former Japanese resident general of Korea, in this city on October 26 last, was executed at Port Arthur this morning.

#### MINE OWNER WALSH SUED FOR \$250,000

WASHINGTON, March 26.—One quarter of a million dollars as damages for alleged libel and conspiracy are demanded of Thomas F. Walsh, the mine owner of Colorado and Washington, in a suit filed today in the supreme court of the District of Columbia by Delheim Hansen, a New York lawyer.

Joined as defendant with Mr. Walsh are his Washington representative, Turner A. Wickersham, and Delancey Nicoll, Courtlandt V. Anabel, John D. Lindsay and Geo. Gordon Battle, members of the New York bar.

Hansen alleged Mr. Walsh caused to appear in a Denver newspaper July 12, 1905, a statement in which he referred to Hansen as "blackmailer and perjurer" in connection with a suit against Walsh which in 1904, the plaintiff acted as an attorney.

## MILLION DOLLAR FUND RAISED BY SUBSCRIPTION

By Associated Press.  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 26.—The million dollar fund, raised by public subscription to maintain a line of freight boats on the Missouri river between here and St. Louis was completed yesterday. A government appropriation for the improvement of the river is expected.

#### BOMB THROWERS GET BUSY.

By Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, March 26.—Bomb throwers again became active in Chicago last night. They threw a shell loaded with dynamite into a gymnasium under construction in the rear of a saloon owned by Robert T. Lincoln on the west side. The explosion wrecked the gymnasium, shattered the windows in adjoining buildings, and threw passengers in an elevated train into a panic.

The shock shook the elevated structure so severely that passengers feared the trains would be toppled over and only the presence of mind of the guards prevented serious consequences.

The police assert that the bomb-throwing was due to labor troubles and has no place in the long list of explosions in the so-called gamblers' war.

#### AGED ELK TO CELEBRATE.

By Associated Press.  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 26.—Charles C. Clusker, member of the local lodge of Elks and the oldest Elk in the world, will be 100 years old Sunday and he expects to celebrate in a fitting manner.

A rough estimate of the amount of money in circulation throughout the world on November places the total at \$15,550,000,000. This includes gold, silver and uncovered paper. Gold comprises nearly half of the entire world's currency. If it be estimated that about half the fresh supply of gold produced from year to year goes into the form of coined money there will have been approximately \$400,000,000 added to the supply during the last two years.—Finance.

## Ballinger Has Been Wronged Says His Counsel

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, March 26.—After the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee had twice refused to grant the request of Attorney Brandeis, representing Glavis, to compel the immediate attendance of Ballinger as a witness, John Verrees made the opening statement in behalf of Ballinger. He declared that the testimony of Glavis and others would be shown to be grossly false. "There is absolutely no act of Ballinger's," he asserted, "to which it is possible to ascribe an unworthy motive or an improper purpose, otherwise than through the suspicion of a perverted mind or the resentment of a discharged public servant or the program of an unscrupulous political intrigue."

He referred to the former administration as "the reign of a man," and the present administration as "the reign of law," and

some members considered this statement as a fling at Roosevelt. He stated that Captain Pinchot was "vain and flattered by his own publicity bureau." Ballinger will probably testify toward the end of the proceedings.

#### CONFIDENCE IN PEARY EXPRESSED BY SHAKELTON

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, March 26.—"I have little doubt that Captain Scott's expedition will reach the south pole," said Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, who arrived here today with Lady Shackleton. "I have no intention of heading any expedition to the south pole while Captain Scott is trying to reach it." The explorer declined to discuss Dr. Cook. "I believe Commander Peary reached the pole," he said. "I have absolutely no doubt of it."

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